

The Santiam News

REGIO OREGON

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraph Columns.

Vice-President Hobart is slowly improving. All hope of reconvening the joint American-Canadian commission in August has been abandoned.

The Chinese legation at Washington protests against the restriction of Chinese immigrants to Cuba.

Acting Secretary McKeljohn has decided that the Chinese exclusion act does not apply to our new possessions.

Newest trusts: Window glass, \$30,000,000; will control 90 per cent of the product; plow manufacturers, \$65,000,000.

In spite of precautionary measures violent smallpox is spreading in Germany. The disease was imported into the country by Russian laborers.

The Algerians regard the beef report as a complete vindication, and are happy; General Miles refuses to talk; congress may make another investigation next fall.

Ex-President Harrison is on his way to France as counsel for Venezuela in its boundary dispute. Ex-Secretary of the Navy B. F. Tracy is associate counsel, and may accompany him.

Governor Thomas of Colorado, has wired Adjutant-General Corbin as follows: "The reported interview of mine in the Denver News concerning the Colorado volunteers is false and malicious."

Rioters attempted to blow up a West Duluth street car with dynamite. There were 10 passengers in the car and they all received slight bruises. The car was thrown violently on its side, and its trucks were blown to pieces.

The beef-packers are bringing tremendous pressure to bear on the president to remove General Miles from command of the army in spite of the closing recommendation of the Wade beef court that no further action be taken.

At Jamestown, O., Postmaster George A. McLaughlin, with some boy friends, was putting a "tick-tack" on a window at the home of his friend, E. E. Ginn. Mr. Ginn fired a shot through the window, killing McLaughlin instantly.

An Adelaide, South Australia, dispatch says: The British ship Loch Roy, Captain Nicol, from Clyde on January 5, for Adelaide and Melbourne, was wrecked on Kangaroo island, April 24. Five passengers and 25 of the crew were drowned.

Several negroes were killed in a storm which swept over chambers county, Georgia.

At a fire in Massillon, O., one fireman was killed and a workman fatally injured.

The president and Mrs. McKinley have gone to Hot Springs, Va., for a 10 days' vacation.

Fifteen cases of disease in Leclaire, La., have been identified by officers of the state board of health as smallpox. The Daventry council has declared a quarantine against Leclaire.

The Topka Capital has started a popular subscription to purchase a sword for General Funston, the brave Kansan. Every county, town and city in the state is asked to contribute.

George Olmstead, conductor of the train the Wardner rioters stole, has been arrested. He ran between Wallace and Burke for years, yet persists he did not recognize any of the crowd.

At Doniphan, Kan., District Judge Stuart refused to grant a divorce to Ellen Phillips from P. O. Phillips, because their marriage was brought about by an advertisement in a matrimonial paper.

Major Marchand, leader of the famous Marchand expedition, which was returning from Fashoda, on the Nile, to the Red sea, en route to France, is reported to have been killed by a band of marauders.

The Missouri house has passed and sent to the governor an important bill requiring Missouri corporations to keep their principal office in the state, and providing that at least three directors shall be residents of Missouri.

Governor Stanley of Kansas, has addressed to the governors of Western states pressing invitations to attend the annual convention of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which will be held in Wichita, May 21 to June 3, inclusive.

Representatives of more than a score of the leading plow manufacturing concerns of the United States met in Chicago, and virtually completed organization into which it is proposed ultimately to take all manufacturers of agricultural implements. The capitalization of the new combination is placed at over \$65,000,000.

Minor News Items. It will take 45,000 men next year to handle the United States census.

Work on a plant which is expected to age whisky in 24 hours has been commenced at Louisville, Ky.

The farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born, which lies two miles south of Hodgenville, Ky., has been sold to David Greer, of New York city, and it is very probable that the farm will be converted into a park.

The British budget for the coming year amounts to \$544,633,000, an increase of \$30,000,000 over last year.

Fifty acres of land will be recovered from Lake Erie for the Ohio centennial exhibition to be held in Toledo in 1903.

John Louis Lay, formerly a first-assistant engineer in the United States navy and the inventor of the Lay torpedo, which was used by Lieutenant William B. Cushing to destroy the Confederate gunboat Albemarle in 1864, died in New York city, aged 68 years.

LATER NEWS.

Because he refused to buy drinks a Chicago janitor was killed by thugs in a saloon.

Long Island is soon to have an industrial colony made up of negroes from the South.

Claims aggregating millions have been filed for indemnity in Cuba by Great Britain, France and Germany.

Miss Winnie Holmes, of Kent, Wash., was drowned in the Sound. She was crossing from Kent to Des Moines with another young lady and two young men, in a rowboat, which capsized.

A naval expedition will be sent from Manila to the island of Mindanao to relieve the Spanish forces at Zamboanga, reported to be besieged by a strong force of insurgents, if the report current in Manila and sent by Otis to Washington is verified.

A freight train of the Southern Pacific was wrecked in Coos Creek canyon, Southern Oregon. The engineer, James McCallister, was killed, and the fireman, James Merriman, seriously injured. The wreck was caused by a heavy engine spreading the rails.

Dr. Charles A. Briggs, who was suspended for heresy by the Presbyterian assembly, was ordained a priest of the Episcopal church in New York. He was ordained together with the Rev. Charles A. Snodcker, and the ordination ceremonies were conducted by Bishop Potter.

At Minneapolis, one of the largest gatherings ever seen in this city adopted resolutions in sympathy with the administration of affairs in connection with the Philippines. The names of President McKinley and Dewey were cheered to the echo several times during the afternoon.

The Standard Bank, Bowmanville, 54 miles from Toronto, was robbed of \$11,000 of the bank's money, and a quantity of valuables entrusted to the bank for safe keeping by private citizens. Before attacking the bank the robbers went to the police station and overpowered Henry Metcalf, the man in charge. They blindfolded and gagged him and took him with them while they entered the bank. Then they looked Metcalf up in the station and left.

The latest reports from Oregon orchardists confirm the statement made last week that the prune crop will be practically a failure this season. The prunes continue to fall from the trees. Many orchardists are disposed to take a cheerful view of the situation, and say that with all conditions favorable only a short crop could have been expected for the trees bore so heavily last year that they needed a rest. With one season's rest and consequent growth, it is said, a full crop should be realized next year.

The Finns are fleeing to this country at the rate of 500 weekly to escape Russian military service.

At a test at Sandy Hook proving ground it was found that wet gunpowder could be safely used in a shell fired by powder.

Dumrais, a Frenchman, who had entered the rebel lines to negotiate for the release of Spanish prisoners, is said to have just been assassinated by insurgent soldiers.

Every postoffice in the island of Puerto Rico, about 80 in number, soon will be flying a United States flag. Flags will be bought by the postoffice department and forwarded to Director of Posts Elliott.

Captain Barker, the senior officer of Dewey's fleet and the commander of the battleship Oregon, will be the next commanding officer to come home. His place will be filled by Captain Wilde, of Boston.

According to a dispatch from Cairo to the Daily Mail, the director of the Egyptian museum has discovered the mummy of Thothmes I, of the 18th dynasty, B. C. 1633, and three other mummies in gilt coffins.

La Patria, one of the best edited papers in Havana, has come out with an editorial strongly favoring the American administration. Its utterances are regarded as representing the best thinking element of the community.

Capt. J. Mason, of Philadelphia, the well-known commander of the Munson line steamship Vindex, fell from his vessel into the water while passing close to the Bahama islands and was swallowed by a shark.

The war department is preparing to send four regiments of regulars to Manila, via New York and the Suez canal, in the transports Thomas, Meade and Logan, which are to be permanently transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific fleet.

If the inhabitants of the San Fernando region are to be believed, there is a little sympathy with the insurgents in that quarter. Before evacuating the city, the rebels burned the church and the public buildings, and looted the Chinese quarters. They drove many rich Filipinos, with their families, out of the city before them, as well as hundreds of Chinese, to prevent them helping the Americans. They cut the throats of many. Many Chinese hid on roof-tops or in cellars, and some escaped by cutting off their queues. There are 50 fresh graves in the churchyard.

The international Sunday school convention has decided to hold the next meeting at Denver in 1902.

One American citizen in the last 60 days has received orders for 43 steam and gas engines, and they will be shipped to 19 different countries.

The military papers in Vienna announce the invention of a 15-barreled quick-firing rifle, carrying 15 cartridges at a time and firing 45 per minute.

A syndicate of Chicago capitalists has secured control of a large part of the saline industry of Maine. The syndicate is known as the Continental Packing Company.

Mrs. Mary McKee, daughter of ex-President Harrison, has been appointed by Gov. Roosevelt a commissioner to the exposition in Paris, to represent the state of New York.

Andrew Carnegie has promised to give \$1,750,000 to cover the cost of the proposed additions to the art, science and library departments of the Carnegie library at Pittsburgh.

TO EXTERMINATE THE REBELS

Otis Has Been Ordered to Force the Fighting.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE CABLED

His Orders Are, if Necessary, to Penetrate Far Into the Interior and Capture or Kill Every Warring Filipino.

Hot Springs, Va., May 13.—This is the gist of a long cable sent by President McKinley today to General Otis at Manila: "Force the fighting. Penetrate far into the interior and capture or destroy every warring Filipino."

It was prompted by several dispatches from General Otis, transmitted by Secretary Alger, which greatly encouraged the president.

Timely Reinforcements. Manila, May 13.—Although offered the presidency of the Filipino cabinet, Senator Paterno declines to accept it until the native congress, now in special session at San Pedro, authorizes him to treat for peace with the United States.

The arrival of the transport Hancock from San Francisco, with the Twenty-first infantry and a battery of the first artillery, is timely, as General MacArthur is in great need of reinforcements, as a result of the prolonged and arduous campaign.

Prominent Manila Filipinos have decided to publish a newspaper, the Democracia, to advocate peace.

Mr. Higgins, manager of the Manila Dagupan railway, and two of his assistants, who had remained inside the insurgent line to take care of the property of the railway company, arrived at San Fernando yesterday. They had been informed by the insurgents that they would no longer be responsible for their safety if they remained longer within their lines. Mr. Higgins corroborated the stories that have been told of the demoralization of the Filipinos, and says the rebels are looting property. Mr. Higgins says now is the time for Americans to strike hard.

SPACE TELEGRAPHY.

Signal Corps Experiments With the Marconi System.

Washington, May 13.—General Greely today made the first authoritative statement as to the progress made in wireless telegraphy under the auspices of the United States signal corps. The important conclusion is reached by General Greely that the wireless system is not likely to supplant the ordinary telegraph and telegraphic communications. The results so far obtained have been uncertain. General Greely's statement is as follows:

"Since the announcement of the tests in space telegraphy by Senor Marconi, two years ago, the subject has been the object of constant study by the signal corps of the army, and recently experiments have been begun, with the object of thoroughly testing the value of this means of communication for military and other governmental purposes. Special apparatus has been designed and constructed for these tests, which have already shown sufficient promise to warrant further systematic trials.

"During the experiments constant communication by heliograph and flag between the transmitting and receiving stations has been kept up by the trained men of the regular signal corps, and this has greatly facilitated the work of experimenting. Signals, letters and words have been transmitted and received between these stations, but the great delicacy and constant adjustment required in the present receiver have made the transmission of regular messages as yet unreliable and uncertain. The presence of large buildings and large masses of iron and metal, necessarily present in cities, makes such places undesirable for carrying on experiments of this character. The distance over which signals may be transmitted by a given apparatus is a function of the height of the vertical wire used in either end, and this has naturally suggested the use of small gas balloons, such as have already been used for signal and other purposes by the signal corps. A supply of these balloons has been obtained, and will be used for this purpose in the near future.

"That there is a field of usefulness for space telegraphy is un doubted, but it is still necessary to mature the extent the use of wire for ordinary commercial telegraphy is not believed. For connection between lighthouses and lightships at sea and to replace ordinary flag methods in use between small vessels it should prove invaluable, since no kind of weather, no fog, darkness or storm, will affect its use."

Starvation on Ashcroft Trail. Victoria, B. C., May 6.—A mail-carrier has arrived from the Upper Stickeen river after making a hazardous trip over crumbling ice to get relief for prospectors who are starving at Dease Lake, on the Ashcroft trail. He reports that they have eaten all their supplies and horses and are living on mules and dogs.

A Family Tragedy. Auburn, N. Y., May 13.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tincknell were found in their rooms today. The man was dead, without a mark upon him. The woman was unconscious, with the side of her head bare, and the brain protruding. She was taken to the hospital, but cannot live. It is supposed her husband tried to kill her with a hammer, and then to wind up his horrible butchery he committed suicide.

Syrians Called to Arms. New York, May 13.—The Syrian junta, composed of 30 Syrians, today issued by thousands a revolutionary address, calling Syrians to arms to free that state from the control and tyranny of Turkey. Twenty-five thousand Syrians in this country are ready to fight. Secrecy is observed in every move, as the Syrians believe the Turkish secret service force has them under surveillance. The address is issued to Syrians throughout the world, and calls for immediate action in the formation of a revolutionary republican party of Syrians.

WHOLESALE MURDER.

Man Kills Two Women, Two Men, a Child and Shoots Himself.

Howard City, Mich., May 13.—Thos. Harvey last night killed his wife, his mother, Robert Pierson, and his grandmother, and mortally wounded his 2-month-old child, and his father-in-law, John Logenslayer, and finally shot himself, inflicting a wound which is expected to prove fatal. Harvey's uncle and grandmother live one mile north of town. The murderer went there last evening.

It transpires that Harvey, on reaching the home of his mother-in-law, said nothing about his terrible acts at Pierson's home. He offered to sit up with the corpse of his wife's mother. Accordingly the others retired. It was 4 o'clock in the morning when Harvey went to his wife's room and killed her, and attempted to slay his baby and his father-in-law. He was fired at Miss Labard, but without effect. Harvey's wound is serious, but he is certain to recover. He was employed in a furniture factory, and is only 20 years of age. The cause of his terrible acts has not been determined. He asserted that Pierson, his uncle, was quarreling with his grandmother, and he interfered; that Pierson shot Pierson's mother and killed the old lady, aged 70, and that he (Harvey) retaliated by shooting his uncle. After shooting Pierson, Harvey stabbed him three times. Pierson's home presents a horrible appearance. Pierson's body was found in a chair, and that of the old lady on the floor clad in her night dress. There are signs of a desperate struggle between Harvey and his grandmother, but no indication of any fight between the two men. Harvey himself today informed the sheriff of the murders at Pierson's home. He was then arrested for murdering his wife. He has nothing to say of the tragedy at his home. There are strong threats of lynching.

Christian Science Healer. New York, May 13.—The Westchester county grand jury, which will meet at White Plains on May 29, will take up the case of Mrs. Clarence Fowler, the Christian Science healer, who, according to the indictment, killed her child, Ethel Barget, and Mrs. Linton Barget, whose death they are charged with hastening. The district attorney says that he will ask the grand jury to make a presentment urging that the treatment of patients by "silent thought" be stopped effectually. The members of the Christian Science church in Mount Vernon have called a meeting for next Sunday, when a prominent member will address them, and the inquest will be discussed. The Christian Science institute will provide all the money to defend its votaries and will put up a stubborn fight.

Church Crusade Against Caterpillars. Montreal, May 13.—A remarkable demonstration took place at St. Hill, Quebec, yesterday. Caterpillars, which last year played havoc with apple and sugar orchards seem to be more numerous and vigorous than before. A crusade against them was formally opened in the parish church here, where mass was solemnized, after which a religious procession, headed by the priest and choir boys, followed by the members of the congregation, marched through the infested section with fervent prayers asking divine assistance in their battle against the plague.

Tornado Struck Mexican Town. St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—A special to the Republic from Eagle Pass, Tex., says: A tornado struck the mining town of Hondo, in the Sabinas valley, Mexico, last night. Lawrence McKelvey, son of the mine superintendent, was killed, and 10 men were severely injured. A large boarding house, railroad station, store and buildings connected with the mines were almost entirely demolished. Hondo is about 75 miles southwest of Eagle Pass. It is the center of C. P. Huntington's Mexican coal and coke industry.

Fire at Skagway. Seattle, May 13.—Advice from Alaska says that a fire occurred at Skagway May 4. One block of business houses was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000.

The principal loss was that of Major's general merchandise store, about \$6,000.

James Freeman, a former resident of California, committed suicide at Atlin, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Domestic trouble was the cause.

President's Western Trip. Chicago, May 13.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: President McKinley proposes to make a tour of the West during his summer vacation. Arrangements for the trip have not yet been perfected, but it is understood he will go to San Francisco by the Southern Pacific route, and return to this city on board a special train on the Northern Pacific, stopping en route at the Yellowstone Park and other points of interest. He will leave about the middle of July and be gone probably six weeks.

New Pipe Trust. Dover, Del., May 13.—Secretary of State Hughes today issued a certificate of incorporation to the Federal Sewer Pipe Company, of Akron, O. The capital of the company is placed at \$20,000,000.

Set Fire to a Freight Car. Baltimore, May 13.—Three men who were playing cards in a freight car set on fire early this morning, the one of them, Clarence Kepler, of this city, was burned to death. William Alders was badly burned. He was a fugitive from the house of correction. The flames spread to the cotton warehouse of the Mount Vernon coal and dock mills, and caused \$50,000 damage.

May Come Home Direct. Washington, May 13.—A special Oregon may return to the United States up the Columbia river to Portland and then to Seattle.

Senator McBride, now Secretary Alger and submitted a request for the return of the troops by way of the Suez canal and New York, but owing to the health conditions, the war department is determined that no troops shall be brought through Asiatic and Southern European waters.

In the winter the Waldorf-Astoria hotel uses 140 tons of coal every day.

FRIGHTFUL RAILROAD WRECK

A Rear-End Collision Near Reading, Pa.

MANY PASSENGERS KILLED

Four Cars Were Telegraphed and the Victims Were Terribly Mangled—Riot Sent From Reading.

Reading, Pa., May 13.—A collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Exeter, about six miles south of this city, tonight, and a great number of people were killed and wounded. There is no telegraph office at Exeter, and details are therefore difficult to obtain at this writing. The number killed is variously stated to be from 25 to 30. Many are injured.

The regular express train from Pottsville for Philadelphia connected at the station in Reading with a train from Harrisburg which was crowded with excursionists, who had been to the state capital to witness the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the Hartman monument. Many of the Harrisburg passengers at Reading went aboard the Philadelphia express, but it being found that all could not be accommodated, it was decided to send an extra train to Philadelphia to run as the second section of the express. This extra train left 20 minutes later than the express.

At Exeter, the express stopped for orders, and while standing still the extra train crashed into it while moving at great speed. Three of the rear cars of the express were telegraphed, and the first car of the extra train was also wrecked. The passengers in these were terribly mangled, many being killed outright, while others had limbs and bodies maimed.

Word was at once sent to Reading, and a special train with physicians and nurses was sent to the scene as quickly as it could possibly be put in readiness.

The identified killed are: John Leaf, Montgomery county; William S. Talon, Norristown; Colonel George Shaw, Norristown; Chief John Slingwood, Norristown; John Johnston, Montclair; William Lewis, Norristown; Harry H. Houghton, Norristown; George H. Annis, Norristown; George Showers, Norristown; Harry Wenz, Norristown; Samuel Batty, Conshohocken; Harry Thompson, Norristown; Hiram Shelby, Harboro; Benton Silvas, Reading.

The injured number about 13.

BY THE SUEZ CANAL.

Admiral Dewey Selects His Homeward Route. Washington, May 13.—"Send Olympia mail to R. F. Stevens, No. 4, Trafalgar Square, London, England," was the notice given out at the navy department today.

This is the first formal indication that the famous flagship is coming home immediately. Upon inquiry it was ascertained that Secretary Long last evening called Admiral Dewey as permission to return at once to the United States. He has been relieved of the obligation of remaining at Manila until the Philippine commission completes its work. He is not even required to await the cessation of hostilities, but may start homeward at once. The notice posted at the navy department amounts to the information that the Olympia will not remain long enough to receive the next outward mail. The Mr. Stevens referred to is the navy department's agent at London to distribute all of the mail for United States warships in European waters, so he will see to it that the Olympia receives hers as soon as she passes the Suez canal.

FORTIFYING SAN FRANCISCO.

Defense Being Strengthened by a Battery of Sixteen Guns. San Francisco, May 13.—The defenses of this harbor are rapidly being strengthened. The work under way now is the mounting of the second battery of 16 mortars on the shore above and back of old Fort Windefield. Eight of the huge pieces of ordnance are already in position, and the others are being mounted by men from the Third artillery. These mortars are considerably larger and more destructive than the battery of 16 that was mounted about three years ago. The new mortars are 10-inch steel, breech-loading weapons, throwing a shell weighing 1,000 pounds, while the others carry 800-pound shells. In addition to the mortars a 12-inch rifle and disappearing carriage of the newest model are ready for shipment from the East. A number of other big guns of modern type are finished or in process of construction, and will be placed in position around the entrance to the bay as soon as they are received here.

A Sash and Door Combine.

Chicago, May 13.—The \$4 mills engaged in sash, door and blind manufacture in Chicago have combined and, on about August 1 next, it is stated, will be taken over by a corporation, probably to be named the American Sash & Door Company, with a capital of about \$4,000,000.

Caught by a Slide.

Shamokin, Pa., May 13.—Four men were instantly killed today by the slide of a portion of a large bank at Centralia. Several were badly injured. The four bodies recovered were so badly disfigured it was difficult to identify them. The accident occurred while a large number of men were engaged in erecting a coal in the Centralia breaker. The bank of coal refuse, which towered high above, was seen to quiver and collapse, completely burying the workmen.

The Hondo Tornado.

Houston, Tex., May 13.—A special from Eagle Pass, Tex., says: News received today from the Hondo coal mines places the dead, resulting from last night's tornado, at 22, and over 100 wounded. Many persons are still missing, and are probably in the ruins. Lawrence McKinley was the only American killed.

Hanging in Washington.

Washington, May 13.—Edward Smith, colored, was hanged in the district jail today. He refused to the last to make a confession.

TAKEN BY LAWTON.

San Hideofano Falls Into the Hands of the Americans.

Manila, May 13.—General Lawton has captured San Hideofano, nine miles north of Balangu, which has been his base of operations. Although tremendously well fortified and defended by a large and desperate body of Filipinos, General Lawton's troops rushed the trenches and routed the enemy completely, with the loss of one American wounded.

Fresh troops are beginning to go to the front. Two battalions of the seventeenth infantry (regulars), that had been holding the line about the city of Manila, will join General MacArthur's division at San Fernando tomorrow, and one battalion of the same regiment will reinforce General Lawton's division near Balangu. These troops will be replaced by the Twenty-first infantry regiment, which arrived from the United States on the transport Hancock yesterday.

Captain Grant, of the Utah battery, whose success in managing the army gunboats Laguna de Bay and Cavajonga has won him the sobriquet of "the Dewey of the army," has been put in command of the recently purchased Spanish gunboats, whose arms the insurgents captured. These vessels are now being prepared for operations on the rivers and along the coast. The arming of the gunboats is being pushed with all diligence.

Admiral Dewey will begin his return to America in the cruiser Olympia, via the Suez canal. The Olympia will be locked at Hong Kong.

Captain Barker will command the fleet from the flagship "Baltimore." Lieutenant Eberle is flag lieutenant. Captain Wilde, of the Boston, will command the Oregon. Captain Whitcomb leaves on the Boston for America, but will go to San Francisco.

EXECUTION OF BRANTON.

Hanged at Eugene for the Murder of John Linn. Eugene, May 13.—Claude Branton was hanged today for the murder of John Linn.

Branton retired last night at 11 o'clock, after writing several letters. He slept well, and got up at the usual time this morning, but would not eat breakfast. Reverends Patterson and Handwerker, of the Christian church, were admitted to the jail at 7 this morning, and remained to the end, praying and singing with the condemned.

At 9:30 his people were admitted to the jail door, and conversed with him a few moments. Sheriff Withers then read the warrant.

Branton left the cell at 10:45 under the charge of the sheriff and two deputies. He walked upon the scaffold unassisted and took his place on the trap. When asked if he had anything to say, he replied he had but little.

In a firm voice he told those present that he did not want them to hear any ill-will against his people on his account. He asked for sympathy and prayers, and urged them to walk in God's way.

Sheriff Withers sprung the trap at 10:50, and 15 minutes later life was extinct, and the body was cut down. Not a hitch occurred in the whole proceedings, everything passing off as smoothly as possible. The body dropped five feet.

Before leaving the cell Branton bid good-bye to all around. He was perfectly calm.

Branton left several letters to be mailed, and gave a white tie to his brother and left a Bible to his mother. All was done without a quiver of a muscle. He assisted the officers in tying his hands, and did all he could to help make a success of the execution.

About 60 people witnessed the execution, while a thousand or more stood in the street around the enclosure, but were quiet and orderly. The body was placed in a coffin and delivered to his people.

The crime for which Claude Branton paid the penalty of death was that of taking the life of John A. Linn, a stockman of Condon, Gilliam county, in June, 1898. Corliland Green is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for complicity in the crime.

The Filipino Congress.

London, May 13.—A special dispatch received here from Manila says that the Filipino congress now sitting at San Pedro is composed of 56 members of whom 20 favor peace, and an equal number are irreconcilable. The others, holding the balance of power, are ready to admit that absolute independence is hopeless of attainment, but demand better terms at the hands of the United States.

Fell From a Train.

Tacoma, Wash., May 13.—William Gately, assistant cook of the west-bound overland Northern Pacific train, miraculously escaped death, falling from the train near Ellensburg, while going 30 miles an hour. He landed in a clump of willows beside the track. His fall was not noticed. He walked to the nearest station and took the next train to this city, being only slightly bruised.

The Bicycle Trust.

Trenton, N. J., May 13.—Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state tonight of the American Bicycle Company, with an authorized capital stock of \$80,000,000.

Destructive Explosion.

London, May 13.—A fearful explosion occurred today at Kurts' chemical works at St. Helens, Lancashire county, killing four persons and seriously injuring 20.

Fire broke out in the chlorate-house, and a large quantity of chlorate exploded, causing much destruction. Subsequently the boiler exploded, and the whole works were razed. The two are strewn with debris, and most of the buildings in the place were damaged. The total loss is about \$100,000.

Writing Paper Trust.

New York, May 13.—It is learned that 21 mills are already included in the combination of manufacturers of fine writing-paper, and that arrangements are being made for the organization of the new company. Its proposed capital is \$12,500,000 preferred stock, \$12,500,000 common stock, and there will be \$6,000,000 working capital and merchandise on hand.

New York, May 13.—Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower died tonight at 10:30 at the Eastport County Club, at Eastport, L. I.

GUNBOATS DISLODGE REBELS

Concealed in a Jungle on the Rio Grande.

HEAVY FIRING AT SHORT RANGE

Americans Opened With Rapid-Fire Guns and Put the Enemy to Rout—Twenty of the Natives Killed.

Manila, May 16.—The tinical gunboat Laguna de Bay and Cavajonga, and a launch, under Captain Grant, ran into a nest of insurgents concealed in the bushes on both sides of the Rio Grande, three miles above Calumpit, yesterday afternoon, and were received with heavy volleys at short range. A sergeant belonging to the Utah battery was killed, and one private was wounded.

Opening with their rapid fire guns, the Americans killed 20 of the natives and wounded several others, filling the jungle with a hail of shot for